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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to June 15, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 June 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This invention deals with a water cutoff structure of a covered wire comprising the first and second members including a first water cutoff portion and a second water cutoff portion respectively, at least a part of the first water cutoff portion of the first member being formed in a recessed shape, and at least a part of the second water cutoff portion of the second member being formed in a projected shape in correspondence with the shape of the first water cutoff portion wherein said core lines are spread along the respective water cutoff portions in the recessed shape and the projected shape (claim 1). This invention also deal a water cutoff structure of a covered wire comprising the first and second members including a first water cutoff portion and a second water cutoff portion respectively, at least a part of the first water cutoff portion of the first member being formed in a recessed shape, and at least a part of the second water cutoff portion of the second member being formed in a projected shape in correspondence with the shape of the first water cutoff portion, wherein the first water cutoff portion includes a first curved face along an outer shape of the covered wire and the second water cutoff portions includes a second curved face in correspondence with the first curved face of the first water cutoff portion (claim 9). This invention also deals with a water cutoff structure of a covered wire comprising the first and second members the first and second members

includes a first water cutoff portion and a second water cutoff portion respectively, each of which is welded to core lines provided in the covered wire by ultrasonic welding', at least a part of the first water cutoff portion of the first member being formed in a recessed shape; and at least a part of the second water cutoff portion of the second member being formed in a projected shape in correspondence with the shape of the first water cutoff portion; wherein each of the first and second water cutoff portions includes a recessed face and a projected face which are aligned in a longitudinal direction of the covered wire (claim 10). The above stated claim limitations, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on June 15, 2005. These drawings are approved.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed June 15, 2005 have been fully considered and they are persuasive. Specifically, the applicant argument that "Shinchi does not disclose the claimed water cutoff structure in which the core lines are spread along the respective water cutoff portions in the recessed shape and the projected shape" and "Shinchi does

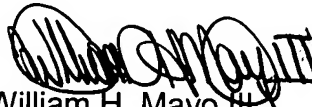
not disclose "the cutoff portions including a recessed face and a projected face which are aligned in a longitudinal direction of the covered wire", is persuasive and therefore the claims have been allowed.

Communication

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Mayo III whose telephone number is (571)-272-1978. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-6:00 pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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